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In The Drawings:

Please substitute the attached clean drawing of Fig. 2 for the pending drawing of Fig. 2.

The amended portion is the addition of the reference symbol " θ ".

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REMARKS**Present Status of the Application**

The drawings are objected under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Office Action also objected specification of the present invention and claims 1, 2, 7, 10, 11 and 13 because of the informalities. The Office Action further rejected claims 1-4. Specifically, the Office Action rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as being anticipated by Peterson et al. (U.S. 6,652,105). The Office Action also rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peterson et al. (U.S. 6,652,105) in view of Bone et al. (U.S. 6,076,931). The Office Action also indicated that claims 10-15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections to the claims set forth above.

Applicants appreciate this indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended the drawings, the specification and claims 10 and 11 to overcome the objection. Meanwhile, applicants have canceled claims 1-9 and amended claim 13 to improve clarity. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 10-15 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Objections

According to the Office Action, the drawings were objected under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because the drawings do not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Furthermore, the Office Action objected claims 2, 7 and 13 and stated that:

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"In claim 2, the reference to a negative angle and the use of the term 'inclusive' is contradictory. It is not clear from the specification whether 'inclusive' is intended to include the range between -45° through 45° , or some other range or angular relationship. Also the phraseology 'less than 0° as well greater than 0° ' is grammatically incorrect."

In response thereto, applicants have amended Fig. 2 by indicating the included angle with the reference symbol θ and have also amended the paragraph [0034] to further clarify the definition of the included angle. It is well known that for any two straight lines, the included angle can be an acute angle or an obtuse angle and both acute and obtuse angles are complementary to each other. Notably, in the present invention, the included angle θ between the plate 280 and the light path 230(r, g, b) is an acute angle. Therefore, the included acute angle is in a range of greater than 0° and less than 45° . Every feature in the amended Claim 13 is shown in Fig. 2 and no new matter is entered. In response to this objection, applicants have amended paragraph [0034].

Discussion of Claim Rejections

Claims 1-4 are rejected. Applicant has canceled claims 1-4. Therefore, the rejection is moot.

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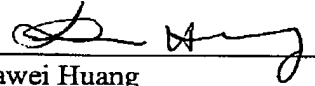
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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner deems it necessary, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned to arrange for a phone interview to better understand, and resolve, any disagreement.

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